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Ventilating and Restrictive Radiant Heat :  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is included herewith. Kindly enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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